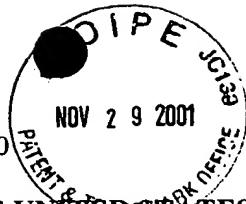


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SIR:

Supplemental to the Official Action dated September 17, 2001 and the Response to Restriction Requirement, filed October 17, 2001, Applicants affirm the election of Group I, Claims 1-11, with traverse. Applicants also elect, with traverse, the following species for examination purposes: (1) filler material: silicate; (2) article or apparatus: stationary bed; and (3) organic compound: oil parenthetical light oil and heavy oil. Claims 1-23 read on the elected species.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 3 as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The adsorbent according to claim 1, wherein said filler is a natural or synthetic filler selected from the group consisting of oxide filler, silicate filler, a precipitated or pyrogenic silica gel, and mixtures thereof, and wherein a surface of said filler is modified with one or more organosilicon compounds having any of the formulas (I-III):

$\{R^1_n(RO)_{3-n}Si-(Alk)_m - (Ar)_p\}_q [B]$ (I);

$R^1_n(RO)_{3-n}Si - (Alkyl)$ (II);

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